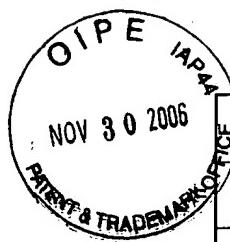


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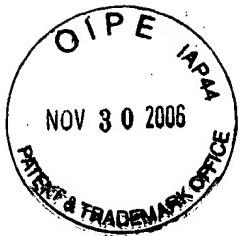
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2006, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

**Pending Claims (No Changes)** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Verified English Translation** of Priority Document JP 2000-192585 is attached.